GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment – Forest Department – Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer – Inclusion in the panel of Forest Section Officers fit for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2013-14 and to assign notional date of promotion with retrospective effect from 11.03.2014 on par with his junior, in relaxation of rules – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 75 Dated: 11-07-2018

Read the following:-

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Letter Rc.No.9007/2015/HR-2, dated 31.01.2018.
2) Memo.No.618/Sec.V/2018-1, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.V) Department, dated 08.03.2018.
3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Letter Rc.No.9007/2015/HR-2, dated 22.06.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has stated that the case of Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officer was not considered during the panel year 2013-14 on the ground of pending articles of charge and his juniors were considered and promoted. His immediate junior Sri B. Jaya Prasad was promoted on 11.3.2014. The departmental proceedings were concluded by awarding the penalty of stoppage of one increment with cumulative by the Divisional Forest Officer (WL), Proddutur, who is the disciplinary authority, vide his Rc.No.2405/2011/P3, dated 12.4.2016. The individual has preferred appeal against the penalty awarded to him. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool, who is the appellate authority, has allowed the appeal and further action was dropped against the individual vide proceedings dated 15.03.2017. Therefore, the individual has requested to consider his promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officer retrospectively with effect from 11.03.2014 on par with his immediate junior. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has requested to consider the request of the individual for retrospective promotion with effect from 11.03.2014.

2. After careful examination of the matter, Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, have provisionally decided to review the panel of Forest Section Officers fit for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2013-14 to include the name of Sri S. Sreenivasulu by following due procedure. Accordingly, in the reference second read above, Government have issued instructions to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P. to place the matter before the review DPC, for inclusion of the name of Sri S. Sreenivasulu in the panel for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officers for the year 2013-14, issue notices to the candidates who are likely to be affected for making representation against the proposed revision and send the proposal along with his specific remarks in the matter.

3. In the reference third read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has informed that in compliance with the instructions of the Government, the recommendations of the Review DPC have been obtained, show causes notices were issued to all the affected Deputy Range Officers to submit their objections, if any, for according notional promotion to Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer to the category of Deputy Range Officer on par with his immediate

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junior during the panel year 2013-14. Among (8) affected persons to whom show cause notice was issued, one Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana, Deputy Range Officer has filed his objection. Except him, none of them have filed any objection.

4. Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana, Deputy Range Officer, in his objection has stated that Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer was not promoted as Deputy Range Officer during the panel year 2013-14 in view the currency of punishment and that the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has prepared the seniority list of Forest Section Officers as per A.P. State & Subordinate Service Rules and issued promotion to the eligible Forest Section Officers to the cadre of Deputy Range Officer and that he did not accept Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer as senior to him.

5. On the said objection, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has offered his remarks that the objection raised by Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana, Deputy Range Officer is not valid since the case of Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer for promotion to the cadre of Deputy Range Officer during the panel year 2013-14 was not considered due to pendency of charges. The disciplinary case was finalized by dropping charges against him. Further, in the seniority list of Forest Section Officers of Kurnool unit as on 01.01.2013, Sri S. Sreenivasulu stood at serial number 25 whereas Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana stood at serial number 31. Therefore, the objection was rejected by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool by a speaking order, dated 22.05.2018. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has, therefore, requested to issue suitable orders in the matter.

6. The objection raised by Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana, Deputy Range Officer is hereby rejected for the reasons mentioned at para-5 above.

7. After careful examination, the Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to include the name of Sri S. Sreenivasulu, Forest Section Officer in the panel of Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2013-14 and to place him above Sri B. Jaya Prasad, Deputy Range Officer of Kurnool Circle. Accordingly, Government hereby order that Sri S. Sreenivasulu shall be promoted to the category of Deputy Range Officer by including her name in the panel year 2013-14 with retrospective effect from 11.03.2014 i.e., the date on which his immediate junior Sri B. Jaya Prasad was promoted, in relaxation of rule 33 (a) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P. shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDRER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The P.S. to M (EFS & T) Government of Andhra Pradesh.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., E.F.S. & T. Department.

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SECTION OFFICER